GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1832
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
REMOVAL OF SLUMS AND UNAUTHORIZED COLONIES NEARBY YAMUNA
Naik Shri Shripad Yasso

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether slums and unauthorised colonies situated nearby the Yamuna river account mostly for the dirt and pollution into the river;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to remove these settlements; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

(a) to (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that existence of jhuggies and unauthorized colonies on the banks of Yamuna river could be one of the reasons for its dirtiness. Hon`ble Delhi High Court in CWP No. 2112/2002 had directed on 3.3.2003 to remove all unauthorized structures-jhuggies, places of worship etc. which have come up unauthorizedly in Yamuna bed and its embankments. Accordingly, Slum & JJ Department (MCD) has relocated about 5,804 families from the Yamuna Pushta area. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have also reported to have removed about 11,250 jhuggie families from this area.